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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS HE WAS HUMBLE & SILENT March 19, 2023

### **[CONNECT]**

Have you ever been falsely accused of something? Discuss how you responded or reacted in the face of your accusers? Did you get upset? Defensive?

### **[ENGAGE]**

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

### **[GROW]**

This weekend's message took us on a journey through the night Jesus was arrested, and going through his six trials. From Annas to Caiaphas (X2) to Pilate to Herod then back to Pilate where Jesus was finally sentenced to die. Describe how you felt hearing all the bogus trials Jesus had to endure. (Read about the trials in Mark 14:55-64; Mark 15:1-5)

Describe a time in your life when Jesus came to fight a battle for you?

Jesus remained silent in the face of His accusers because He gave up His right to speak while praying in the Garden. What part of His prayer brings this to our attention?

Read Exodus 14:13-14. How can you apply this text to your life?

What are specific circumstances when God would want you NOT to stay silent?

### **[LEAD (YOURSELF)]**

Ultimately...Jesus stayed silent...because He loves you. *"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

Paying for your sin was more important than saving His own life.

My challenge for all of us this week is to consider remaining silent in a moment when you could cause more harm than good. To consider being quiet and showing humility to someone who may be going through something hard and challenging, and they just so happen to take it out on you. If you're innocent, then allow your silence and humility to speak louder than your voice.